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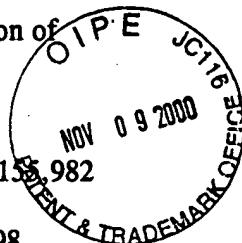
In re Patent Application of

KLEIN et al

Application No.: 09/155,982

Filed: October 9, 1998

For: MEANS FOR DETECTING BACTERIA  
OF THE TAYLORELLA  
EQUIGENITALIS SPECIES AND  
THEIR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS



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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (248) [ ] \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$355.00 (279) [ ] \$710.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_, on \_\_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.

[ ] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

A M E N D E D C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (103) =	
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$80.00 (102) =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$270.00 (104)					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					

[ ] A claim fee in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

[ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated May 22, 2000, which time for response was restarted by the paper mailed August 9, 2000 to include the cited references, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the specification, at page 1, between lines 3 and 4, please insert as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

*C7*  
The instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §371 to PCT Application No. PCT/FR97/00649, filed April 11, 1997, and under 35 U.S.C. §119 to French Application No. 96/04623, filed April 12, 1996.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--